

## REPUBLICAN MEMBERS CALLED TO CAPITAL

Brackets and Merritt Want Them on Hand at 11 o'clock Tomorrow Forenoon.

## INSURGENTS ARE SUMMONED

Talk at Albany That Combination of Minority and Independents May Be Formed to Elect Senator.

(By Telegram to the Tribune.) Albany, March 25.—Republican leaders in both houses of the Legislature today sent to every Republican member a summons to be in Albany Monday morning. This message said that "it is imperative to the interests of the Republican party that every member be in Albany at 11 o'clock Monday a. m."

Neither Senator Brackets nor Assemblyman Merritt would say what lay behind this summons. Over the telephone from his home at Saratoga Springs Senator Brackets said the Republican members were being called to the capital "to guard against any possible contingency that might arise." It is the general belief among politicians here that this is another phase of the senatorial problem. Two explanations are advanced. One is that the Republicans are about to get together and are about to unite on a senatorial candidate. Many of them have said for weeks that they were tired of voting for Chauncey M. Depew, believing that all "compulsion" due to him had been paid, and it was time for the minority in the Legislature to select another man and put itself on record before the people.

The second theory is that some plan is under consideration to elect a senator from the insurgent Democrats, based on the possibility of a failure in the Democratic harmony plans. Many of the insurgents are trying hard, though in secret, to make Daniel F. Cohalan the choice of the second caucus Monday night. Against this the Republicans are as firmly united as against William J. Sheehan, whom the second caucus will select if the weight of the endorsement of the sacred principle of majority rule.

Leaders in New York Friday. Early in the session there was discussion among the new Sheehan Democrats and the Republicans the possibility of a combination which should elect some high class, independent Democratic Senator and act with the Republicans as a check on Tammany legislation. The insurgent Democrats never quite got to the point of being willing to take this up for serious consideration, figuring that by such a course they would be putting their party ranks where there was a chance to do some good without party lines. In this connection some persons here find significance in the fact that both Senator Brackets and Assemblyman Merritt were in New York yesterday.

When Senator Roosevelt learned this afternoon that all the Republican members of the Legislature had been asked to be in Albany by 11 o'clock on Monday by Messrs. Brackets and Merritt he at once got into his telephone communication with some of his telephone. Then he sent telegrams to his fellow insurgents suggesting that they also be on hand ready for an emergency.

"I ascertained certain information," said the insurgent leader, "from which I deemed it advisable to telegraph the various insurgents to be in Albany on Monday morning."

That was all that he would divulge. Earlier in the day Senator Roosevelt said that the insurgents had not yet determined whether or not they would enter the Democratic caucus Monday night. "That question probably will not be determined before 6 o'clock that night," he said.

Speaker Daniel D. Frieble of the Assembly returned tonight from his home at Schenectady, and immediately sent telegrams to all the Democratic members of the Assembly, warning them to be in their seats Monday morning.

Speaking of the notices sent by Assemblyman Merritt to the Republican members of the lower house, he said: "I know of no reason why the Republicans should become alarmed. They are being summoned. But I do not intend to take any chances, and therefore have sent out a general call for the Democrats."

Republicans Called Once Before.

Once before, on Monday, February 20, the Republican members of the Assembly were notified by Assemblyman Merritt to be on hand, and they were greatly to the alarm of the Democratic leaders, when it was found that the Republicans had not come.

Assemblyman Bush, of Chemung, presided at today's joint session. It has been nineteen years since the former speaker of the Assembly has handled the post in the lower house. Only eight voted today. The fifty-eighth joint ballot for United States Senator follows.

Democrats—Sheehan, 3; Littleton, 1; Zernan, 1; Hopper, 1; Carls, 1.

Republicans—Depew, 1; No quorum.

EXPELLED BY THEIR EXCHANGE

E. P. Whitman and W. L. Walthour Are Members of an Old Firm.

The board of managers of the New York Produce Exchange has expelled from membership Edmund P. Whitman and William L. Walthour, members of the firm of Whitman Brothers, dealers in cottonseed oil products, which failed last October. This action was taken following a hearing on charges, the nature of which was not made public, preferred against the two men by Morris & Wilmath, brokers, of No. 22 Broadway.

The failure of the firm of Whitman Brothers was said at the time to have been caused by a concerted bear attack on the cottonseed oil market, which broke the price of the October option, of which Whitman Brothers were long several thousand barrels which they were carrying on margin, more than 100 points, or more than \$4 a barrel. As a result the firm, which had been established for sixty years, was unable to meet its contracts.

## BELMONT CALLS A MEETING

New Compensation Act Will Be Drawn, He Intimates.

The legal committee of the department of compensation for industrial accidents of the National Civic Federation, which prepared a bill some time ago based on the provisions of the Wainwright-Phillips workmen's compulsory compensation act, held a special meeting yesterday at the Metropolitan Building to consider what action should be taken in view of the decision of the Court of Appeals declaring this law unconstitutional. The Civic Federation bill would go farther than the Wainwright-Phillips act in extending the principle of compensation.

August Belmont, chairman of the federation's compensation department, said after the meeting yesterday: "I have called a meeting of the executive committee of the department for Tuesday to consider the situation. In view of the decision of the Court of Appeals on the Wainwright-Phillips compensation law, progress on the entire subject had to wait for this decision."

"A definite and workable compensation act is so widely desired by both employers and employees in this state that a solution ultimately will force itself upon its laws in some form. To have the avenues through which it cannot be done promptly pointed out by our highest court is not to be construed as raising an insurmountable obstacle."

"The state commission's attitude doubtless will govern the course of the federation, but I cannot presume to suggest the possible attitude of our committee in advance of its meeting."

The chairman of the committee which drafted the Civic Federation bill, P. T. Francis, said: "The recent decision of the Court of Appeals is not authoritative except in New York. Therefore, it is a matter for those interested in the compensation movement in each state to determine whether or not an experiment in compulsory compensation, as is recommended by the federation's bill, should be tried, in spite of the New York decision."

## CONTROLLER WILL NOT PAY

Tells Willcox \$200,000 Offer to Interborough Is Wrong.

Controller Frederick, in a letter to Chairman Willcox, of the Public Service Commission, yesterday, said that he believed a "palpable error" had been made when the commission agreed to pay a lump sum of \$200,000 to the Interborough Rapid Transit Company for a spur in the Brooklyn subway. "So strong is that belief," wrote the Controller, "that I would not feel warranted in making such a payment until the city may be compelled to do so as the result of a judicial determination."

The spur for which the Public Service Commission wishes to get a surrender and release from the Interborough extends along Flatbush avenue, from Schermerhorn street, and was designed to connect the present subway with the Fourth avenue subway, when built.

The Controller holds that \$200,000 set aside and invested at 4 per cent would earn, by the expiration of the lease, with the necessary balance of principal applied, sufficient funds to liquidate all charges against the company on a capitalization of \$200,000, which it is maintained that the spur would cost.

"Why, therefore," he said, "should the city pay the company \$247,100 more than would be required to meet the company's charges."

## A NOVEL SPEAKING CONTEST

Columbia University Will Offer Prizes to Schoolboys of the State.

Columbia University is to hold a schoolboy public speaking contest next year which will be open to boys in all the high schools and Academies in New York State. A graduate of Columbia College has given to the university three prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$15, respectively, which will be awarded to the best schoolboy speakers in the state early in January next year. Separate contests will be held for the boys living outside of New York City and for those attending the city institutions.

Through the co-operation of Columbia alumni, arrangements will be made for preliminary contests to be held during the fall, probably in November, in Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Newburg, Poughkeepsie, Syracuse, Watertown and White Plains. The final competition for which the successful competitors in the preliminary contests will be eligible will be held at Columbia University, under the general direction of the Board of Student Representatives, immediately after the Christmas holidays. The railway fares of the winners in the trial contests will be paid to and from New York and the competitors will be entertained by the students of the university during their visit. Each winner will receive a bronze medal.

The purpose of the university in arranging for the contest is for the development of public speaking in the high schools and colleges of the state. A great many schools have already signified their intention of being represented in the competition.

## REFEREE REVERSED ON APPEAL

City Entitled to Acquire Title to Property Railroad Claims.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday reversed the finding of Justice O'Gorman as referee in the matter of the extension by the city of West 14th street. Justice O'Gorman had approved the report, but the higher court ordered that it be returned for judgment in accordance with its opinion.

The city sought to acquire title of property in West 14th street, from Broadway to the North River. The New York & Hudson River Railroad Company declared its ownership of all the property from the westerly edge of its North River tracks to the river. The referee suggested the dismissal of the city's petition on the ground that it had no right to the property sought for extension purposes. Justice O'Gorman approved the report and the city appealed. The Appellate Division decided that Donnelly had erred and that the city should be permitted to acquire title.

## NEW COTTON EXCHANGE RULES

Managers Aim to Meet Criticism of Commerce and Labor Department.

What is regarded as the initial step in the direction of revising the bylaws of the New York Cotton Exchange, in line with the recommendations of Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has been taken through the adoption by the board of managers of the institution of two amendments to the bylaws relating to cotton samples. Further changes designed to meet the present methods of trading will be considered by the board early next week.

The board of managers has also adopted a rule barring the presence of professional counsel at hearings conducted by the committee of the exchange. This action has met with criticism. The action has been met with criticism. The action has been met with criticism.

## INSURANCE MERGER RATIFIED.

Rochester, March 25.—At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Rochester German Insurance Company, the merger of the company with the American Insurance Company, of New York, was ratified, and it was decided to call a stockholders' meeting for the first of April to bring into effect the merger.

## DIX AND MURPHY CONFERENCE

Tammany Man Insists Insurgents Must Enter Caucus.

## TO PRESENT MANY NAMES

Several Candidates, Including Sheehan, Will Doubtless Receive Ballots.

Charles F. Murphy, the "boss" of Tammany Hall, who also controls most of the members of the Democratic State Committee, yesterday had his last talk with Governor Dix prior to the new caucus on the United States Senatorship at Albany tomorrow night. In this talk, which took place at the Waldorf and lasted twenty minutes, Mr. Murphy made clear to the governor the attitude that he and his friends purpose to take. The Tammany leader said that they would insist that the insurgents go into the caucus, and intimated that it was the Governor's duty to see to it that they did so. If they do not, he is more than likely that William J. Sheehan will be renominated and the deadlock will continue. Governor Dix is said to have expressed the belief that the insurgents would enter the caucus, having faith in the understanding with Mr. Murphy that in such a case Mr. Sheehan would not again receive the support of Tammany Hall.

It was learned yesterday that Governor Dix is anxious that the Legislature, having tackled the problem of the caucus, should not back out and a caucus is reached. He has told his friends that it was not right that all but ten or a dozen members of the Legislature of 20 members should leave the balloting to so small a number for three days in each week. He believes that when the balloting begins on Tuesday it should be continued until a Senator is elected. The Governor has already expressed himself on this point to many members of the Legislature, and he may take occasion to make his views known to the caucus. He has also been understood to have discussed this phase of the situation yesterday.

The Governor's state of mind on this point would seem to indicate that he was not altogether sure that the caucus tomorrow night would select a man who could be elected by a single ballot on Tuesday.

Mr. Murphy explained the situation of himself and his friends as it has been stated in The Tribune before. He is willing to let the new caucus "free-for-all" proceed. So far as they are concerned any Democrat with Senatorial aspirations may have his name presented for the consideration of the caucus if he can get any one to present it. Murphy's hands will be off of Sheehan—that is, the pressure he has been exerting for Sheehan will be withdrawn—but he will not attempt to prevent any one from voting for the present caucus candidate. In fact, there will be no agreement on the part of Murphy to block any one.

The Governor said he did not care to talk about Mr. Murphy's visit with him, but expressed his belief that the senatorial middle would be settled this week. He said he had seen no one else on political matters, and did not expect to before he returned to Albany this morning. Last night he was the guest of Squadron A.

Shrewd political observers who are predicting last night that anywhere from six to a dozen—possibly more—candidates would be presented to the caucus. A friend of Governor Dix expressed the opinion that among the candidates whose names would be voted upon would be Martin H. Glynn, ex-Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, Herman Ridd, Daniel F. Cohalan, John D. Kernan, Justice James W. Gerard and Justice Victor J. Dowling. Kings County may present the name of Congressman James J. Fitzgerald. It is thought not unlikely that more than one candidate will be presented by Tammany, but by way of throwing dust in the eyes of unsophisticated legislators and causing a situation out of which the old-time Tammany leaders can bring through a man who will be acceptable to "Boss" Murphy.

William F. Sheehan's name will probably be put before the caucus again by the present caucus candidate, but he will not get the votes of some of the Erie County delegation. Governor Dix might be chosen Senator, but a man in a position to know said last night that it was not to be taken seriously. "This report," he added, "probably comes from friends of Lieutenant Governor Conway, who would become Governor if Governor Dix went to Washington."

A man with some legislative experience said last night that the caucus might last all of Monday night, and that it might be necessary to adjourn it.

Governor Dix had hoped to visit the State Hospital at Central Islip yesterday, but was obliged to postpone the trip indefinitely.

## DIX AWAITS COURT ACTION

Won't Act on Civil Service Exemptions at Present.

(By Telegram to the Tribune.) Albany, March 25.—Attorney General Carmody said today that Governor Dix will not give his approval to the action of the State Civil Service Commission in granting the application of Controller Sohmer for the exemption from the competitive class of a large number of positions under him until after the matter has been settled in the courts.

After the Supreme Court Justice Ruld this morning after asking for an adjournment of a test case, the decision of which will affect all the positions sought to be exempted so that Mr. Sohmer may have more patronage under his control. He appeared to defend the Civil Service Commission's resolution. Albert De Rooze, the attorney for the other side, said he would not object to an adjournment if he could be assured that the men holding the positions in question would not be disturbed in the meantime. The Attorney General assured him that that could not be done until after the approval of the Governor had been secured, and then on the suggestion of Justice Ruld the case was put down for April 5.

It is now expected that there will be a long legal fight before the case is finally decided, for it is probable that whichever way Justice Ruld decides there will be an appeal. If the case is finally decided against the commission Governor Dix's approval, even if he did give it, would have no weight.

The action came before Justice Ruld in the form of an application made by Mr. De Rooze, attorney for Fred L. Merritt, for a writ of mandamus to compel the commission to rescind its action in placing the position of examiner of transfer of stock in the exempt class. Merritt now holds such a position.

In asking for an adjournment the Attorney General said he wished time to get an affidavit from Controller Sohmer concerning the duties of the positions involved.

The positions exempted by the commission, which action is now awaiting the decision of the Governor, are thirteen examiners of transfer of stock, eight clerk and trust fund examiners, and a clerk and assistant clerk for each of the state prisons. The Civil Service Commission approved Mr. Sohmer's application to exempt thirteen examiners of transfer of stock, with others. It is said that the Controller has since asked that this number be doubled, but Secretary Birdseye of the commission said today that the commission had not yet acted on that request, so that the number of stock transfer examiners in the resolution awaiting the Governor's approval still remains thirteen, and not twenty-six.

## MANY STILL ENTERING

PRIZE PROVERB CONTEST

There's Yet Time for You to Win an Auto, a Player-Piano or Other Trophy.

34 MORE DAYS TO GUESS

Back Numbers, Easily Had, Will Enable You to Catch Up with Those Having Earlier Start—Full List of Prizes.

If Mark Twain were living now, how he would enjoy taking part in The Tribune's proverb contest. One can picture him looking at today's picture and gauding his brain as to which of the proverbs in The Tribune Proverb Book it is. One can imagine him, a little discouraged, saying to himself that it is almost as easy to make up a proverb as it is to guess one.

Perhaps it would be easier for Mark Twain, if he were living, to invent a proverb, but the rest of us much prefer guessing proverbs to making them.

One of Mark Twain's chief delights in his literary career was the making of proverbs. In two of his books he put a wise saying at the head of each chapter. These books were "Pudd'nhead Wilson" and "Across the Equator." Of course, these aphorisms of Mark Twain were not, strictly speaking, proverbs, but they were terse epigrams which approach closely to the proverb family. He would spend as much time and trouble to make one of his quip maxims as he would take to write a story.

Readers of The Tribune will be interested to learn that The Tribune proverb contest, which started on February 27, still has thirty-four more days to run. Any one not an employee of The Tribune or a member of an employee's family may enter the contest at any time before it closes, as the back numbers of all proverb pictures printed in The Tribune can be secured at the main office of The Tribune, No. 15 Nassau street, or can be ordered by mail.

The Contest Manager has been requested by several contestants to publish again the complete list of prizes. While this has been done before, it has been printed only in the large announcement, so it may not be amiss to again call attention to the handsome array of presents The Tribune is offering to stimulate interest in the contest.

List of Prizes.

First prize—\$1,000 Jackson touring car, fully equipped, purchased from the Jackson Motor Company, No. 163 Broadway.

Second prize—\$1,000 Paige-Detroit touring car, purchased from the Empire City Automobile Company, 189 Broadway.

Third prize—\$500 Krakrauer player piano and \$50 worth of music, purchased from Krakrauer Brothers, No. 17 East 14th street.

Fourth prize—\$300 Hallett & Davis player piano and \$50 worth of music, purchased from the Hallett & Davis Piano Company, No. 55 Fifth avenue.

Fifth prize—\$250 Hallett & Davis player piano and \$50 worth of music, purchased from the Hallett & Davis Piano Company, No. 55 Fifth avenue.

Sixth prize—\$200 Conway player piano and \$50 worth of music, purchased from the Conway Piano Company, No. 100 Fifth avenue.

Seventh prize—\$200 Krakrauer Brothers piano, purchased from Krakrauer Brothers, No. 17 East 14th street.

Eighth prize—\$250 dining room suite in oak-ten pieces, purchased from the Brooklyn Furniture Company, No. 33 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

Ninth prize—\$225 motorcycle, purchased from the New York Sporting Goods Company, No. 17 Warren street.

Tenth prize—\$200 Palmer room boat, purchased from Palmer Bros., No. 21 East 21st street.

Eleventh prize—\$200 library set of furniture, mission and leather, purchased from Brooklyn Furniture Company, No. 33 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

Twelfth prize—\$200 diamond ring, choice of mounting, purchased from Benedict Brothers, No. 141 Broadway.

Thirteenth prize—\$200 three piece Daveno suite in leather, purchased from the D. T. Owen Company, No. 21 East 23d street.

Six prizes—\$500, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth—\$100 scholarships, choice of course in the International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Penn.

Three prizes—\$200, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second—\$100 Owen bed davenport, choice of leather or mohair, purchased from the D. T. Owen Company, No. 21 East 23d street.

Six prizes—\$150, twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth—\$75 round trips to Bermuda on the palatial steamer Oceana, purchased from the Bermuda-Atlantic Steamship Company, No. 230 Broadway.

Three prizes—\$100, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth—\$50 Turkish rockers, purchased from the Brooklyn Furniture Company, No. 33 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

Two prizes—\$50, twenty-ninth and thirtieth—Old Town canoes, purchased from the New York Sporting Goods Company, No. 17 Warren street.

127 prizes—\$1,250, 24th to 500th—10 volume sets of popular fiction, valued at \$1.50 each.

100 prizes—\$1,500, 501st to 600th—4 volume sets of popular fiction, valued at \$1.50 each.

200 prizes—\$200, 601st to 800th—4 volume sets of popular fiction valued at \$1 each.

EXHIBITION COMMENCES TO-MORROW (MONDAY).

The Fifth Avenue Art Galleries (510 Building), 540 Fifth Avenue, and 1, 3 and 5 West 45th Street.

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SALE DAYS:—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 28, 29, 30 and 31, and April 1, at 2:30 Daily.

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## COMMITTS SUICIDE IN A HOTEL

Man Whose Pay Envelope Was Marked "H. Geiter" Found Dead.

The body of a man clothed in a well worn suit of black and wrapped in a shabby black overcoat was found in a room of the Hotel Denver, No. 25 West 40th street, with a revolver in his left hand and a bullet hole in his left temple yesterday afternoon by a chambermaid. The initials "H. G." were in his hat and he had a pay envelope inscribed "H. Geiter."

The room was rented at 12 a. m. yesterday to a man and woman who registered as "W. H. Bean and wife." New York City.

Nothing is known regarding the identity of the man who left the hotel. Dr. Pardee, from the New York Hospital, said the man had been dead three or four hours. The police say the man had wrapped his coat about his head so that the report of the revolver shot would not be heard.

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Firemen and the press from the Ralph Avenue station were called out, and a number of citizens joined in the search for the buried men.

Overweight Floor in Brooklyn Feed Shop Breaks Down.

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